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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Thursday, 14 October 1999*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fourth session*

10 a.m. 34th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Ghana
Sierra Leone
Holy See
Peru
Togo
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Venezuela
San Marino
Mongolia
Fiji

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Turkey
Cuba
Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM)
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Bolivia

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

## THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | 12th meeting | Conference<br>Room 1 |

1. Advancement of women [109] (A/54/3*, A/54/38/Rev.1 (Suppl.), A/54/98, A/54/123-E/1999/66, A/54/124, A/54/156-E/1999/102, A/54/156/Add.1-E/1999/102/Add.1, A/54/224, A/54/225, A/54/341, A/54/342, A/54/352, A/54/405)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110] (A/54/124, A/54/264, A/54/354)

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

3. Social development, including questions relating to the world situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

   *Action on daft resolution A/C.3/54/L.2*

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* To be issued.

## FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | informal consultations<br>(closed) | Conference<br>Room 5 |

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/53/692))

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | informal consultations<br>(closed) | Conference<br>Room 5 |

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda items 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: (a) United Nations peacekeeping operations: (A/53/5 (Vol. II), A/53/932 and A/53/940)), 129 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: Report of the Secretary-General on the findings of the Office of Internal Oversight on the procurement process in UNAVEM (A/52/881 and A/53/1018)) and 130 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/1023 and A/54/418))

## SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | 6th meeting | Trusteeship<br>Council Chamber |

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159] (A/54/33, A/54/363, A/54/383)

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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference<br>Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference<br>Room 10 |

*Subject*

Organizational matters

# SECURITY COUNCIL

## SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1160 (1998)

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| 3.30 p.m. | 10th meeting*<br>(closed) | Conference<br>Room 7 |

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECOND COMMITTEE

*Briefing*

A briefing on the issue of "Globalization" will be given by Mr. Thomas L. Friedman, Foreign Affairs Columnist of *The New York Times*, followed by an interactive period of questions and answers. The event, organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held *today*, 14 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of delegations and Secretariat Staff are invited to attend.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

**United Nations Children's Fund**

The Executive Board will hold an informal meeting on the multi-year funding framework for UNICEF *today*, 14 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited.

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**World Food Day 1999**

An observance of the World Food Day 1999, under the theme "Youth Against Hunger", will take place on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately following the adjournment of the morning meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. Professor M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Thursday, 14 October 1999*

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(draft resolutions on poverty eradication and science and technology)*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| 1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |
| 4 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2 |

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room D |

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 12 p.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room C |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
*(draft resolutions on the International Year of Older Persons, racism and racial discrimination)*

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |

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Threre will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) *today*, 14 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Fareed Zakaria, Managing Editor of *Foreign Affairs*, will be the speaker.

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There will be a meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) *today*, 14 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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**Informal consultations**

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 37 (Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development), under the chairmanship of Ms. Marcela Nicodemos (Brazil), *today*, 14 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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**Briefings**

The briefing on the theme "International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: A Focus on Women", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Development and Human Rights Section of DPI and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will continue *today*, 14 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The moderator is Ms. Carolyn Schuler Uluc, Officer-in-Charge, Public Liaison Service, DPI. Ms. Sonia Felicity Elliott, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Guyana, Ms. Diane Elson, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNIFEM, and Ms. Njoki Njehu, Board Member, Jubilee 2000, are the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing, convened by the Chairpersons of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", *today*, 14 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9, on the organization of work of the forty-fourth session of the Commission and the third session of the Preparatory Committee. A non-paper is available at the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of the Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1216).

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There will be a briefing for co-sponsors, organized by The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on the First Committee draft resolution on the maintainance of the international seucurity and stability *today*, 14 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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**Seminar**

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third and final session of their 1999 series "Sustainable Development in Practice" Session III, entitled "Climate Change Governance: Fifth Session of the Conference of Parties and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations." The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 14 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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**Announcement**

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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**Announcement**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Friday, 15 October 1999*

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fourth session*

**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 8th meeting | Conference Room 4 |
| 3 p.m. | 9th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 13th meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m. | 14th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 13th meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. | 14th meeting | Conference Room 1 |

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| 3 p.m. | 7th meeting | Conference Room 3 |

SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 7th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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| 3.30 p.m. | 1st meeting | Conference Room 7 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

*List of speakers*

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

*Briefing*

The Vice-Chairmen of the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Mr. Zvetolyub Basmajiev (Bulgaria) and Mr. Chaoi Seok-young (Republic of Korea), will hold a briefing on the outcome of the second meeting of the Bureau of the Commission (Bogota, Colombia, 4 October 1999) on Friday, 15 October 1999, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will convene a meeting with representatives of the twenty-six Member States which have not yet ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The meeting will take place on Friday, 15 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(oceans and seas)* on Friday, 15 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)* on Friday, 15 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 15 October 1999, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of African States *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 15 October 1999, in the afternoon, in Conference Room 5, following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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There will be a meeting of interested delegations, organized by the delegation of India, on Friday, 15 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E, to discuss First Committee draft resolutions on agenda items 72 (The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament), 77 (d) (Convention on the Prohibition of Use of Nuclear Weapons) and 76 (g) (Reducing nuclear danger).

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**Meetings of co-sponsors**

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 76 (j) (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures), organized by the delegation of Germany, on Friday, 15 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 64 (b) (Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures), organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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**Briefing**

There will be a briefing by the Chairman of the Joint United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations Center for Human Settlements (UNEP/UNCHS) (Habitat) Task Force on the Balkans, Mr. Pekka Haavisto, on Friday,15 October 1999, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room B, on the final report of the Task Force. Members of permament missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmentalorganizations are invited to attend.

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**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on Friday, 15 October 1999, in Conference Room 6, as follows: from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on sub-item (a) (Law of the Sea); and from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on sub-item (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas").

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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**Seminar**

A seminar on "The Development and Reform of Pension Systems", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the International Labour Office, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. The seminar, held within the framework of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, will be conducted by Mr. Colin Gillion, Director of the Department of Social Security of ILO. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Steven Miller (tel.: (212) 963-7535).

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**Symposium**

A symposium on "Nuclear Doctrines", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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**Workshop**

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 13 October 1999*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Fifty-fourth session

**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE 5th meeting

*General debate*

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Uzbekistan, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, China, Argentina, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Colombia, Kuwait and Uruguay.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 9th meeting

*Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories* [89]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Bangladesh, Yemen, Cuba, Israel, Qatar, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Tunisia.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the observer for Palestine, as well as by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Lebanon and Israel.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 10th meeting

*Advancement of women* [109]

*Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women* [110]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Israel, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Bahrain, Malaysia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cyprus, Costa Rica, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, Belarus, Australia, Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Fiji, Uganda, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Iraq.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

11th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Brunei Darussalam, Mongolia, Nepal, Romania, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Russian Federation, Tunisia, the Solomon Islands, Argentina, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, the Republic of Korea, Kenya, Morocco, Sri Lanka, Equatorial Guinea and India.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Children's Fund.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

*Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization* [159]

The Chairperson of the Special Committee, Ms. Marja Lehto (Finland), introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, the Republic of Korea, Colombia, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Guatemala and Egypt.

# SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

*Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979*

*Accession:* Niger (8 October 1999)*

*Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996*

*Signature:* Zimbabwe (13 October 1999)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 14 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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## International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

On the occasion of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty 1999 and to mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, together with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, will hold a commemoration on Friday, 15 October 1999, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations garden. There will be a performance by children of the Tapori Movement and traditional Bolivian music will be performed by Sumaj Chasquis. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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